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## Most Successful Liberty Parade

If the Fourth Liberty Loan parade last Saturday is any criterion by which to judge, St. Francois county will fill out its quota, though it is more than double that of the third loan. Enthusiasm marked the route of the parade from start to finish, and the people were out in large numbers at each of the stopping or speaking points. After an enthusiastic meeting at Bonne Terre, which was enlivened with band music, songs of patriotic airs and stirring addresses, beginning at nine o'clock, the parade formed in line and started on its route. The long train of automobiles, carrying the chairman and members of the County Liberty Loan Association, speakers and citizens from all parts of the county, a squad of "our boys in khaki" and two bands, the automobiles decked out with the star-spangled banner and illuminated invitations to "buy bonds", presented a most attractive appearance along the road.

The first stop was made at Desloge, thence on to Leadwood, Frankfort, Bismarck, Doe Run, Farmington, Esters, Flat River and Elvins. From 30 to 40 minutes were given at each place for the speakers, music and appeal by County Chairman Bowman, when the parade would promptly take up its march on schedule time. The list of speakers, of which there were two at most points, were largely composed of Four Minute Men, of which J. H. Malugen of Bonne Terre is County Chairman, although they were not confined to four minutes in their appeals to the people as they are in their usual talks when speaking under the rules of their own organization.

Farmington, the sixth point in the parade's program, was reached about 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. The speakers from Farmington, who made the round trip, were extended the courtesy of the car of Cashier G. B. Snider of the St. Francois County Bank, and Mrs. Snider graciously went along as "chauffeur" and contributed in no small degree to the pleasure of the trip. We are requested by these speakers to express their appreciation to both Mr. and Mrs. Snider for their generous courtesy.

Several short but snappy and pungent speeches were made from the band-stand, on the court house square, which were interspersed with patriotic and patriotic music. The entire program had been arranged with an eye to brevity, so that much was unusually condensed in a few words. Such an entertainment cannot be other than successful. It was this feature, together with the already aroused patriotic fervor of the people, that contributed largely to the great success of Saturday's parade. The line of march was resumed from here about 3:00, going to Esters, thence to Flat River, where the final program was rendered, and the parade dissolved.

**NEXT SUNDAY IS EVERYBODY TO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Thirty canvassers in teams of twos will visit every home in Farmington school district this afternoon seeking information regarding the church affiliation or preference of the members of the homes and whether or not they are now attending any Sunday School. Every person canvassed will be invited and urged to attend the Sunday School of their choice on next Sunday morning. The information is being sought for only one purpose and that is that people who are not now attending some Sunday School and church may be gotten interested in this work. Gen. Pershing announced this week that the army was depending most upon the churches for the support it needed.

**MOTHERS' MEETING DRIVE**

A Mothers' Meeting Liberty Loan Drive was held at Libertyville yesterday afternoon and was well attended. Some of the "Four Minute Men" Singers of Farmington attended the meeting and helped it along with a few of their patriotic songs, and Mrs. W. M. Harlan delivered a Liberty Loan address on the occasion. We have not learned of the result of the meeting in bond subscriptions.

**4 M. M. SPEAKING**

For the remainder of this week and next week talks will be given at the Monarch Theatre by Four Minute Men speakers on the Fourth Liberty Loan, as follows:

Friday (tonight), Oct. 4, J. H. Tetley.

Saturday, Oct. 5, Prof. W. L. Johns.

Monday, Oct. 7, 4 M. M. Singers.

Tuesday, Oct. 8, B. H. Marbury.

Wednesday, Oct. 9, G. B. Snider.

Thursday, Oct. 10, Rev. O. H. L. Cunningham.

Friday, Oct. 11, "Four Minute Men" Singers.

Saturday, Oct. 12, H. Hallerberg.

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## Our Women and the 4th Liberty Loan

Some of the most effective work last Saturday, the first day of the Fourth Liberty Loan drive, was done by the patriotic women of Farmington. The first two days of the drive were out early at different stands to receive applications for bonds. Mrs. M. P. Cayce is District Chairman of the Women's Division of the Liberty Loan Association, Mrs. Frank S. Weber is County Chairman, and Miss Emma Lang Local Chairman for Farmington. These ladies had their assistants well organized and they were at their posts all day long. Miss Lang has proved herself one of the most enthusiastic workers in all the Liberty Bond drives as well as in the Red Cross and War Stamps drives, and was especially successful in the latter.

Voluntary subscriptions were taken Saturday at the following places by the ladies named:

Petty's Book Store—Miss Emma Lang, Miss Marion Giesing, Mrs. W. G. Patton, and Mrs. M. P. Cayce. When the Fourth Liberty parade arrived at Farmington, this contingent of women workers moved their table to the Court House Square and after the speaking continued their work of taking subscriptions the balance of the day.

At the Post Office a most attractive booth was presided over by Mrs. J. C. Morris and Mrs. J. B. Smith. At McKinney's Mrs. E. E. Barker, Mrs. J. H. Jones and Mrs. W. L. Morris received subscriptions.

At the Farmington Mercantile Co., Mrs. J. B. Burks and Miss Anna Craig accommodated the volunteers.

And at the Henderson Store, Mrs. Ed. Helber and Mrs. George Forster took pledges.

The net result of the women's day's work was \$29,900. Little has been said in the public prints about the patriotic and enthusiastic work of our women in every movement to assist the Government in its war measures, but they all deserve large credit.

The following named ladies are working in the several wards this week:

First Ward—Mrs. W. G. Patton, Miss Irene Lang and Mrs. Sam J. Tetley.

Second Ward—Miss Marion Giesing, Mrs. J. C. Watson, Mrs. G. B. Snider and Mrs. C. Y. White.

Third Ward—Mrs. O. J. Mayberry, Mrs. W. T. Halle, Mrs. J. B. Smith and Mrs. J. B. Burks.

Fourth Ward, Mrs. J. P. Cayce, Mrs. Frances Shaw and Miss Mary Henderson.

Automobile Committee—Miss Belle Giesing and Mrs. J. B. Graves.

How much in voluntary subscriptions was secured by the banks we have not learned, enough probably to increase the subscriptions some thousands of dollars.

On Sunday voluntary subscriptions were taken at the churches, and the following reports have been furnished us: Lutheran church, \$15,000; Catholic church, \$10,000; Baptist church, \$1,500; Christian church, \$250; M. E. Church, \$4,500. No services were held at the two Methodist churches, the pastors being away attending Conference.

St. Francois county's quota of the Fourth Liberty Loan is \$713,000, and of this amount Farmington is asked to raise \$276,000, or more than one-third. Our town in the first, second and third loans went over the top, but this is the largest sum asked of it in any of the bond loans. If it does not go over the top this time it will not be because of the will to do so, for our people are bending all their energies to that end.

**THE PRODUCTS CARNIVAL**

The Second Annual Products Carnival of the Farmington Schools was held in the High School Building on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 27th and 28th. Almost one hundred pupils had produced a variety of products on exhibition, and considering the season, the exhibition was very creditable. Thrift Stamps were awarded as premiums in all departments. A large and enthusiastic audience attended on Friday night when a program was rendered in the Auditorium of the High School. Messrs. J. K. Jones, J. B. Burks and Glenn S. Hensley, also Mrs. Wm. Harlan delivered helpful addresses and the Four Minute Singers participated in the program.

The ladies of the Parent-Teacher Association again had charge of the Carnival and all of the display as well as the other arrangements were in charge of committees appointed from that association. Every department was well cared for and everything went off on schedule time without a hitch. No teacher was required to neglect a single recitation on account of the exhibition, so carefully and so fully did the officers of the Parent-Teacher Association provide for its management.

The judges of exhibit were Mrs. Snider, Mr. Roy Johnson and Mr. Glenn S. Hensley. A complete list of awards will be published later.

**MILITARY TRAINING IN HIGH SCHOOL**

Voluntary military training was started among the boys of the High School Tuesday morning. Principal D. H. Haldaman is a member of the Home Guards, having undergone a period of training this summer, and is in charge of the drill. Several boys have volunteered to take the drill, and after a while the grade boys will be taken in. The period of drill is from 8:15 to 8:30 a. m.

## Improved "Team-Work" Would Prove Advantageous to All Interested Parties

A mass meeting, composed largely of mine workers in the Lead Belt, was held in the Circuit Court room Tuesday evening. The meeting was well attended, there being also quite a sprinkling of business men in attendance. Jerry B. Burks was elected chairman, and George Morris, secretary. The purpose of the meeting, as was gathered in advance, as well as from Chairman Burks' statements, was to remonstrate against any advance in the price of commutation tickets, unless there was at the same time to be placed in effect a new time schedule for the running of electric cars.

It soon became apparent that a very great part of the discontent that was so plainly in evidence among the workers in the Lead Belt was due to the fact that the present schedule of some of the electric cars was not at all practical for use by them on their various shifts. In other words, the prime motive of the management of the electric line appears to be to make connections with the M. R. & B. T. steam train at Flat River, with little or no apparent regard for the convenience of the mine workers, who furnish a large share of support to the electric line.

Another reason for the meeting Tuesday evening, was the report that a meeting of the Public Utilities Commission was to be held in Flat River yesterday, for the purpose of hearing evidence as to why the electric line should be granted permission to increase the price of commutation tickets from \$5.00 to \$7.50. These tickets are good for fifty-four trips between Farmington and Flat River, providing they are used by the party to whom they are issued in a month's time. If they are not used in that period of time, then the conductor takes them up, regardless of the number of rides that are yet unpunched on the ticket.

The principal grievance of the workmen appears to be, however, the fact that the present schedule of the electric cars apparently has no regard whatever for their working hours, and the sentiment appeared to be that if their interests were looked after, in regard to giving better service to the patrons of the electric line, then a reasonable advance in price of commutation tickets would not be strenuously objected to. It was, however, the unanimous opinion of all workmen present that the present price of such tickets paid well for the service that was rendered by the electric line; that, among many other inconveniences suffered, the cars that are used by the workmen, both going to and coming from their work, are invariably

greatly overcrowded and that standing room is always at a premium.

It appeals to The Times that there is two sides to this question. In the first place, it may be just and fair to permit a raise in the price of commutation tickets, even to the extent that will be asked by the railway officials. Capital, as well as labor, has some rights that must be recognized, if business is to continue "as usual." The Times is for absolute justice and right, in every particular, whether labor or capital is affected. But, before any increase in the price of tickets is permitted, the electric company should be compelled to render better service, not only to the workmen, but to other customers as well. It must be remembered that travelers on that line are compelled to pay 30 cents, while the commuters ride for a fraction over 5 cents.

With improved service, there is little doubt but that the electric line could add enough additional business to make such improvement profitable to them. In this way they could again secure the patronage of the scores of workmen that are daily hauled to and from their work by jitney service. The meeting Tuesday night selected a committee of ten or twelve to carry the complaint of the workmen to the meeting of the Public Utilities Commission in Flat River yesterday, which Commission, The Times feels sure, will give the matter careful and painstaking consideration, from every viewpoint, and will render just and equitable decision in the matter, to all parties concerned.

The need of team-work is not only of greatest importance to the mine workers and the electric line, in order to bring about a maximum amount of good to both sides of this controversy, but Farmington is also exceedingly interested in a satisfactory adjustment of this matter, between all parties. There are 200 or more workmen in the Lead Belt whose homes are in Farmington, which they consider the most desirable place to live, for obvious reasons, and if the matter of transportation to and from their work can be at all satisfactorily arranged, all such workmen will not only continue to make their homes in this city, but others will be drawn here, just as rapidly as homes can be secured. The wages of even 200 workmen in the Lead Belt means practically \$1,000 a day brought into Farmington, a large part of which is spent with Farmington merchants. So it is not at all difficult to explain, in a large measure at least, the interest that Farmington feels in the equitable adjustment of the differences existing between the laboring men and the electric railway line.

**State Tax Commission Heartily Approves Report of Auditing Committee**

A full membership of the State Tax Commission, consisting of Chairman Roach, Galene and Player, visited State Hospital No. 4 Tuesday on an official tour of inspection. The Commission made a thorough inspection of the different buildings, and found that after a period of eighteen years, which is the time that institution has been founded, that a certain stage of decay has set in on some parts of the buildings which were first constructed. As no repairs have ever been made, such a condition was to have been expected.

The Commission also verified the report of the Auditing Committee in regard to the over-crowded condition of many of the ward buildings, and recommended the erection of four new buildings at the earliest possible time. They stated, however, that owing to the governmental ban on building activities, that it was by no means certain as to just how soon such needed improvements and additions could be made.

They also found the machinery in the power house to be in bad condition, as it, too, was practically all installed when that institution was constructed, so that much of it is either badly worn or out of manufacture.

## Old Clothing for War Relief

Back of the German wall that has hemmed in Belgium and a part of Northern France, ten million human beings look to us for clothing as well as food. We, who are well clothed, can hardly appreciate in what dire need these people are for lack of necessities. Stocks of clothing and raw material are long since exhausted. There are no imports other than those the Commission for Relief in Belgium has been permitted to make, and these never have been sufficient. The world is now short of both clothing and raw material, so the Commission can no longer purchase what is needed. But you can give it.

The quota of old clothing that has been fixed for the Farmington Chapter of the Red Cross to raise is 500 pounds. The aggregate amount that the Eighth Federal Reserve District is expected to raise is 500 tons. Such an amount of old clothing, which will prove to be of inestimable service when properly distributed among war sufferers, will bring unspeakable comfort and blessings to thousands who are suffering intensely for the bare necessities of life in the devastated regions of the war. Only serviceable clothing is desired, something that will serve to protect suffering bodies from the cold winter blasts.

To raise the 500 pounds of clothing that has been apportioned to the Farmington Red Cross Chapter will necessitate the cleaning out of many closets. It is hoped, however, that this giving will not be restricted to clothes that are ready for the ragman. Put in some of the clothes you may have expected to wear again. What use have you for more than you really need in such war-ridden times. In this way you can scatter inestimable blessings, at small actual sacrifice to yourself. All contributed clothing should be delivered to the Radle Music Store on Friday and Saturday of this week, Oct. 4th and 5th. Further information may be secured by telephoning Mrs. Geo. Tetley, Farmington, Mo.

**Missing Banker May Have Been Here**

H. N. Wilson, a prominent business man of Kirkwood, was in Farmington Tuesday following up some clues relative to the whereabouts of his brother-in-law, L. C. Kerth, Secretary and Treasurer of the Kirkwood Trust Co. at Kirkwood, Mo.

Kerth has been missing since Sept. 17th. On Sept. 12th he left Kirkwood for Ironton, where he was to spend several days hunting. After reaching Ironton he mailed a card back to his brother-in-law, stating that he would not return until about the 17th. When he did not return on that date a searching inquiry was made at Ironton and thereabouts but no information was secured as to his location.

When last heard of, Kerth had boarded a Belmont Branch train going south from Bismarck and inquiry thus far has failed to locate him.

It is believed, since Kerth's accounts were left in an excellent condition, that he is suffering from temporary mental derangement or has met with a serious accident.

A man who slightly answered the description of Kerth was at the home of Firmin O'Dell, south of Farmington, several days ago. He aroused suspicion because of his peculiar actions. Mrs. O'Dell supposed he had escaped from the State Hospital and notified the officials there and also the Sheriff, neither of whom could locate the stranger or give any clue as to whom he might have been. Through Sheriff Adams, Mr. Wilson heard of the stranger and his peculiar actions and made a searching investigation throughout Farmington and vicinity but was unable to determine definitely whether or not Kerth was the man who had been here.

Kerth is thirty-six years of age, though appearing several years younger, and has a wife and child living in Kirkwood. His wife is the daughter of Sam Nicols, formerly State Bank Examiner.

**Further Calls for Troops Postponed**

The call for thirty eight men to be sent to Camp Pike, Ark., within five days of Oct. 7, has been rescinded. This action has been taken on account of the great scourge of Spanish influenza which is raging in our training camps at the present time. The men will be sent out after all danger of infection has been removed.

**The 4-M-M Singers**

The Farmington Chorus of the "Four Minute" Singers delighted the audience at the Monarch last night. This chorus is organized under the Four Minute Men movement, but is not, as its name implies, all men, nor is it intended to be. Following is a roster of the Farmington Chorus:

Mrs. C. O. Nelson, director; Rev. R. S. Boyd, Rev. J. M. Bailey, W. M. Harlan, Robert Forsyth, C. O. Nelson, B. T. Gentes, Paul Cayce, I. T. Sides, E. O. Sutherland, Mrs. Isenberg-Beard, Mrs. J. H. Jones, Mrs. W. G. Patton, Mrs. Kossuth Weber, Mrs. Sam Isenman, Mrs. J. B. Graves, Mrs. C. E. Carleton, Misses Lavinia Rozier, A. Lee Halle, Martha Raines, Irene E. Ambrey, Craig.

The wages are less than \$2.

## What the War is Costing in Money

Below we give the estimated total wealth of the great nations engaged in the war, their public debts before the war and what they are now, the ratio of debt to total wealth, apportionment per capita debt, and what our Government has loaned to the allied nations fighting the great Prussian menace to the world's freedom and a secure peace:

**Estimated Total Wealth**

Germany	\$80,000,000,000
France	60,000,000,000
Great Britain	60,000,000,000
Austria-Hungary	3,885,000,000
United States	250,000,000,000

**Public Debt**

Before the War:

Germany	\$1,165,000,000
France	6,598,000,000
Great Britain	3,458,000,000
Italy	2,792,000,000
Austria-Hungary	3,885,000,000
United States	1,208,000,000

1917-1918:

Germany	\$30,000,000,000
France	22,000,000,000
Great Britain	27,636,000,000
Italy	6,676,000,000
Austria-Hungary	19,018,000,000
United States	12,000,000,000

**Ratio of Debt to Total Wealth**

Germany	37 per cent
France	37 per cent
Great Britain	45 per cent
United States	5 per cent

**Approximate Per Capita Debt**

Germany	\$450
France	550
Great Britain	600
Italy	190
Austria	350
United States	115

On the basis of population we shall have to increase our debt from \$12,000,000,000 to almost \$50,000,000,000 to equal the debt of Germany.

If we were carrying a national debt in the same proportion to our estimated wealth as England or France or Germany, it would amount to 90 billion dollars or over. Yet the bonds of both France and England have always been regarded as gilt-edged securities.

**What Our Money Has Done**

Loans to the Allies up to July 27, '18:	
Belgium	\$145,250,000
France	1,765,000,000
Great Britain	3,345,000,000
Greece	15,790,000
Italy	760,000,000
Russia	325,000,000
Serbia	9,000,000

**Moral—Buy Liberty Bonds and end the war and save the lives of our boys.**

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**Jail Is Full of Slacking Huns**

About twenty huns, who have been arrested by Sheriff Adams and deputies within the past month, now fill the county jail, and many will doubtless be compelled to remain there until their cases are decided at the regular November term of Circuit Court. All these arrests have been made either on the charge of desertion or of slacking. Nine were recently taken to Jefferson Barracks, four of whom were returned owing to their failure to produce their induction papers. The other five will probably be handled by officers at the Barracks.

One Austrian, who had failed to register, absolutely refused to enlist for war service, under any circumstances. In his case the law must take its course, and decide on the proper punishment. All of these prisoners are representatives of the race that the great lead companies of this district, until quite recently, apparently legislated in favor of, in the matter of supplying them with jobs, in preference to American labor. But this condition, so it is hoped, has passed from the minds of all the great lead companies. It must hereafter be "America for Americans."

**C. R. Woodward Gives Small Bond**

C. R. Woodward, who was until recently cashier of the Federal Lead Co. at Flat River, but who was discharged from such position when a shortage in his accounts of something near \$200,000 was discovered, full mention of which was contained in The Times last week, came over to the county seat Tuesday and gave bond for his appearance, in the sum of \$4,000. The Times is informed that a brother put up a cash bond to the full amount, which is deposited in the Bank of Farmington, and that W. M. Harlan and M. P. Cayce, president and cashier of that institution, signed such bond. Each of these gentlemen signed the bond as individuals, so that the Bank of Farmington is in no manner involved in the transaction.

Mr. Woodward appears to be considerably broken by reason of the troubles that are now piling upon him, and his friends are exceedingly sorry for him and his splendid family in their time of trouble, regardless of how or why such a large shortage may have accumulated. The small amount of the bond would indicate that the prosecution will not be particularly vigorous, though the case that has been fled against him involves only about \$1,700. Woodward has already confessed his guilt on this count. He left the first of this week for Kansas.

**Farmington Not On the Schedule**

Information to the effect that a flying machine, starting from Fredericktown yesterday morning, would reach this city about noon, proved to be erroneous, as the machine failed to pass over this city. Several watchers, however, reported that it passed west of town two or three miles, which indicates that it followed the railroad track on its return to the Scott Field. It was supposed to be distributing Fourth Liberty Loan literature.

The only result of this report, so far as the people of this city are concerned, is that many had their eyes elevated for so long that it was difficult to get them adjusted for everyday life, after the period of "rubber-necking" had passed. It is to be regretted that definite arrangements cannot be made for at least one aerial flight over Farmington, with the exact time stated for the appearance of the plane, with sufficient time given for due notice to the people. This is not the first time our people have looked and waited in vain for the appearance of an aeroplane.